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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Fill Me with Laughter”

April 6, 2025

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://www.ValeChurch.org)

In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship at 8:30 a.m.

[Facebook.com/groups/valechurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valechurch)



**United in faith, we seek to...**

Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.

Invite others to journey with us.

Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

**GATHERING**

*We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.*

**Welcome**

**The Peace**

*From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.*

*The lay reader will call out “May the peace of Christ be with you!”*

*Please respond with, “And also with you!”*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**UMH 847**

**\*Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**UMH 57, v. 1, 3, 5, 7**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: O God of new things, like Judas, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus.

**Many:** Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

**One:** Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace. Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Many:** In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

*We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.*



## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Many:** Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always.

## **Scripture**

**John 12:1-8**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."*

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

## Children's Moment

*After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed  
to their Sunday School class.*

**Sermon "Fill Me with Laughter"      Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Creed      UMH 885**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer      UMH 473**

**"Lead Me, Lord"**

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.*

## Prayers of the People

*You may send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org)*

*After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by*

*"Lord, have mercy," Please respond with,*

*"Christ, have mercy."*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
    and the glory, forever. Amen.

# God's Tithes and Our Offerings

## \*Doxology

UMH 95

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \*Blessing of the Offerings

### THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

## Breaking the Bread

## Giving the Bread and Cup

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Those who wish to have Communion brought to their seat should notify an usher. Gluten-free elements are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your hands as you approach.*

## Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn “O How I Love Jesus”

UMH 170

# SENDING FORTH

*Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.*

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

### \* Postlude

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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Thank you to Bette Rutherford  
for providing our coffee hour treats!  
*If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour,  
please contact us at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)*

Lay Readers:

10:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Kim Sheard

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

“Open the Gates”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

### **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Thank you to everyone who helped us stuff eggs for our Easter egg hunt next Sunday!

*If you have a picture you would like to share, send it to [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)*

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## This Week at Vale: Apr 6 – Apr 13, 2025

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### Sun, Apr 6

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:15 am Handbell Choir
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting

### Mon, Apr 7

- 6:00 pm GS Troop 56122 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Committee Meeting

### Tues, Apr 8

- 10:00 am Book Club
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

### Wed, Apr 9

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thurs, Apr 10

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

### Sun, Apr 13

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt\***
- 11:45 pm Vale Lunch Out
- 4:00 pm Youth Group\*

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Apr 6, 2025

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### WELCOME FRIENDS! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, we warmly welcome you to our community of faith at Vale Church!

We look forward to meeting you in person—and hope to see you with us again soon!

**Video Recording Notice** – We occasionally record and publish our worship services. If you do not wish for your image to be shown, please alert the pastor or the church office.



Vale UMC is proud to be recognized as a Safe Haven congregation. If you suspect signs of human trafficking, please call 888-373-7888 or text 233733.

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**Enjoy today's message?** – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for "Vale United Methodist Church". If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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**Church updates** – Did you know Vale sends out via email a weekly *Shout* with church updates? If you are **not** receiving our emails and would like to, please let the Vale office know.

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**Do you want to support Vale's ministries?** Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor Push Pay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Tom Feeny, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**Farewell to Loris** - Loris Michaelis, our office administrator, is leaving for Ohio at the end of April. Join us after worship today as we celebrate their time with us and to offer blessings on their journey.

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**Youth Group** - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, April 13 from 4-6pm at Vale. Dinner will be provided. Friends and neighbors are welcome. If you have questions or to rsvp, talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com.

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**Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Sunday, April 13. Friends and neighbors are welcome. If you have questions, you can talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com.



**Spring Cleanup** - On Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 am we will be having the annual Vale Spring Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy mulching, pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We'd love for everybody to come help out and be part of this fellowship, since many hands make light work! Questions? Email ekoefoot@gmail.com

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**Vale Lunch Out** - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held next Sunday, April 13, at 11:45 at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. While reservations are not necessary, the manager would like a "guesstimate" of the number of guests by Thursday, April 10. For questions or to let me know you plan to attend, contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at tlowry2003@gmail.com. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

**Vale Forever** – The Vale Forever Fund Campaign continues to advance thanks to the generosity of our congregation. We announced this special effort just one month ago and have already reached \$400,000 (80%) of our \$500,000 phase one goal. Many thanks to all of you who have already stepped forward with your support, as well as those who are prayerfully considering what you may do. For more information, visit [www.valechurch.org/endowment](http://www.valechurch.org/endowment).

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**Preschool Registration** – Registration for Vale’s preschool is now open to all families! Registration fee is \$150. To register, or for more information, contact Diane Willard at [preschool@valechurch.org](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org).

### **Vale and Community of Faith Holy Week Schedule**

#### **Sun, Apr 13: Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Vale -Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (Vale -In-Person)
- 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Vale)

#### **Thurs, Apr 17: Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Vale)

#### **Fri, Apr 18: Good Friday**

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Cantata (Floris)

#### **Sun, Apr 20: Easter Sunday**

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service (CoF)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (Vale -Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (Vale -In-Person)
- 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (CoF)

### **Community of Faith UMC**

13224 Franklin Farm Rd, Herndon, VA 20171

At the corner of Franklin Farm and Fairfax County Parkway

## 2025 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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